

Governor's Family Violence Council Meeting
Staffed by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
Wednesday, October 14, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Participating Members:

Jeanne Yeager, Chair
Dorothy Lennig, Esq., Vice-Chair
Lillian Agbeyegbe
Linda Alexander for Secretary Robert Neall
Molli Cole for Delegate Haven Shoemaker
Jessica Dickerson for Secretary Sam Abed
Debbie Feinstein, Esq.
V. Glenn Fueston, Jr.
Lt. Diane Hansen for Superintendent Colonel Woodrow W. Jones III
Lisae Jordan, Esq. for Delegate Kriselda Valderrama
Michael Lore for Senator Susan Lee
John McGinnis for Secretary Karen Salmon
Marcia Morris for Secretary Lourdes Padilla
Lisa Nitsch
Scott Patterson, Esq.
Manuel Ruiz
Stacey Rice, Esq.
Laure Ruth, Esq.
David Shultie
Neshanna Turner
Anne Weatherholt
Senator Christopher West
Carrie Williams, Esq. for Attorney General Brian Frosh
David Wolinski for Secretary Robert Green

Guests:

Wendy Lee, Baltimore City Visitation Center
Jennifer Pollitt-Hill, Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence

Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Staff:

Rebecca Allyn
Heather Amador
Barbara Darley
Erica Hiner
Robyne McCullough
Justice Schisler

I. Welcome & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:01 a.m. Ms. Allyn conducted a roll call and guests introduced themselves.

II. Presentation of Domestic Violence Awareness Month Proclamation

Mr. Fueston presented the Council with a proclamation from Governor Hogan, marking October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The proclamation will be mailed to Ms. Yeager, Chairwoman of the Governor's Family Violence Council.

III. Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services Grant Updates

Ms. Schisler informed members and guests that the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant and the Children's Justice Act Committee (CJAC) grant have been fully awarded. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Title II Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Formula Grant (JJAC), and Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (BJAG) are in process of being awarded. The grantees have been notified of their award amount. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (CESF) and the Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act Regional Navigator Program (RNPG) applications are under review.

As a reminder, there is a new requirement for grantees to submit the [Subrecipient Organizational Capacity Questionnaire](#). Performance measurement tool (PMT) reporting for BJAG and VOCA is due on 10/15/20. Programmatic reporting (performance measures and progress reports) for all subrecipients is due on 10/15/20 and fiscal reports are due on 10/30/20.

IV. Approval of Minutes and Annual Report

Minutes from the July 2020 Council meeting were provided to members and guests. Ms. Lennig made a motion to approve the minutes; Ms. Ruth seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Members suggested including a section on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 response. Ms. Allyn will update the report to be shared with the Council.

V. Workgroup Updates

a. Intimate Partner Violence and Pregnancy

Ms. Allyn will be scheduling a workgroup meeting in December.

b. Fingerprinting in Domestic Violence Cases

Ms. Lennig shared that almost 20% of the randomly selected cases provided by the courts did not contain fingerprints when they should have. Ms. Lennig stressed that as the State moves toward issuing more citations, this could become a larger issue. One example is that handgun applications are reviewed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the reviews are fingerprint driven.

Mr. Fueston requested a meeting with Ms. Lennig to not lose sight of the workgroup's efforts and discuss how it can be expanded beyond the scope of domestic violence.

c. *Abuse Intervention Program (AIP) Certification Review Process*

The workgroup will include the recommendation that AIPs and victim service providers utilize a memorandum of understanding in the AIP guidance, and inform AIPs that this will be a requirement in 2022.

VI. Legislation

Members discussed the 2021 legislative session. Senator West shared that there will be limited bill introductions, and the prefile date is 11/1/20. He noted that it is important to have cross-file bills. Hearings and testimony will take place remotely, and there will be a limit on the number of people able to join. Members were reminded to share any legislation that may be of interest to the Council with Ms. Allyn.

VII. Old/New Business

Ms. Lennig stated that she is experiencing judges who do not want to vacate a protective order respondent due to the pandemic. Ms. Lennig asked for anyone who is experiencing this in their jurisdiction to contact her, and also recommended connecting with Mr. Shultie and the judicial domestic violence subcommittee. Mr. Shultie shared that the subcommittee is meeting tonight.

Ms. Feinstein shared that she facilitated a multi-disciplinary training on implementing the new strangulation law that is effective October 1, 2020. This training is important for law enforcement as it includes strangulation specific questions. Mr. Fueston suggested she connect with the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission and the Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, and the Office is able to promote the training on social media. Ms. Nitsch recommended that the training could also be coordinated through the online Salus platform.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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